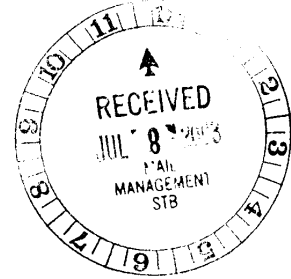




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Vernon Williams, Secretary
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Re AB 33 (Sub No. 143X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We remain in negotiation for acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Thornton and Belmond in Wright, Franklin and Cerro Gordo counties in Iowa. We believe that we will be able to finalize these negotiations if we are able to receive one additional extension of time in which to accomplish this.

We are of the opinion that the Union Pacific Railroad favors this extension of time so that we will be able to establish a trail on this land. We are sending a copy of this letter to their offices in Omaha and Chicago and are asking for their concurrence in this regard.

We are providing ten copies of this letter for review by your Board. We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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